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SUBJ: CCD: FURTHER NATO CONSULTATIONS ON CW

REF: NATO 06442

1. US MISSION NATO HAS INFORMALLY ASKED US DELEGATION TO GENEVA BILATERAL CW TALKS ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR NATO BRIEFING ON PROGRESS DURING CURRENT ROUND. REFTEL NOTED SUGGESTION BY CHAIRMAN DURING JULY 1 POLADS CONSULTATIONS WITH EXPERTS THAT FURTHER CONSULTATIONS ON CW BE COMBINED WITH CONSULTATIONS ON SSOD IN LATE JULY.

2. GENEVA OPINION IS THAT IN VIEW OF FACT THAT IN THIS ROUND WE HAVE SIMPLY PUT OUR PROPOSALS TO THE SOVIETS AND ANSWERED THEIR REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION, WE HAVE LITTLE OF SIGNIFICANCE TO ADD TO WHAT WAS SAID DURING JULY 1 CONSULTATIONS.

3. WESTERN GROUP IN GENEVA WAS BRIEFED ON CW BILATERALS ON JULY 13 AND NON-CCD WESTERN REPS IN GENEVA ON JULY 14. WE WOULD PROPOSE THAT US MISSION NATO MAKE A SIMILAR REPORT ON PROGRESS OF BILATERALS USING TALKING POINTS
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SET FORTH BELOW. IF THERE ARE ANY DEVELOPMENTS OF SIGNIFICANCE BETWEEN NOW AND ANTICIPATED JULY 18 ENDING DATE FOR THIS ROUND OF BILATERALS WE WILL COMMUNICATE THEM SEPARATELY.

4. BEGIN TALKING POINTS: QUOTE

- WE HAVE NOT PRESENTED OUR FULL PROPOSAL TO SOVIETS

AND EXPLAINED EACH OF THE ELEMENTS.

- THEY HAVE ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION ON SEVERAL POINTS
AND EXPRESSED INFORMAL AGREEMENT ON A FEW, E.G. INCLUSION
OF INCAPACITANTS.

- HOWEVER, THEY HAVE NOT COMMITTED THEMSELVES ON ANY
IMPORTANT ISSUES, INCLUDING THE FORM OF THE JOINT INITIATIVE.

- DURING THE TALKS THEY POSED SOME DETAILED QUESTIONS
REGARDING SUCH THINGS AS HOW TO TREAT PRECURSORS, WHETHER
IRRITANTS SHOULD BE COVERED AND THE DETERMINATION OF
TOXIC THRESHOLD. NONE

OF THE QUESTIONS REVEALED ANY NEW ASPECTS OF THEIR THINKING;
MANY HAVE BEEN ASKED BEFORE OR WERE COVERED BY OUR EARLIER
PRESENTATION.

- SOVIETS HAVE SAID THEY REGARD OUR PROPOSAL AS A SERIOUS
ONE AND THEY WILL GIVE IT CAREFUL STUDY IN MOSCOW. WE HAVE
NOT DISCUSSED DATES FOR THE NEXT ROUND BUT WE ANTICIPATE THEY
WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO RESUMING IN MID-AUGUST. END QUOTE.

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